



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

May 11, 2005

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:05 p.m. on May 11, 2005 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

IV. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;**
- (b) Operations;**
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;**
- (d) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Parks;**
- (f) Construction.**

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Chief of Interpretation, Chief of Construction, and the Executive Officer.

V. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for April 2005.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution accepting offers to dedicate scenic easements: Wendland/P5-83-506 located on Latigo Canyon Road in unincorporated Los Angeles County; Jones/P5-84-395 located at 2122 Cold Canyon Road near Calabasas in unincorporated Los Angeles County; Cariker/P5-82-584 located on Escondido Drive in unincorporated Los Angeles County; Coombs/P5-84-535 on Vulcan Lane and Kerry Lane, located in unincorporated Los Angeles County near Tuna Canyon.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.07 acres (APN 5567-018-052) in Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2140, near Jewett Drive using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of approximately 0.59 acres (APNs 5556-023-005; 5556-024-010, 011, 027, and 5556-008-020) in the Sunset Terrace area of the Santa Monica Mountains north of West Hollywood, Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Brett Goldstone for fabrication of artistic gates for Westridge Mandeville Canyon Trailhead Improvements, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-34, 05-35, 05-36, 05-37, and 05-38 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2005 regarding park rules and regulations, waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 01-2005, "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Ordinance establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof." Ordinance No. 01-2005 modifies existing Ordinance No. 01-2004.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Ordinance No. 01-2005 was adopted unanimously.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for Greenfield Family Partnership Trust Project, 9.25 acres located on Houston Road, Ventura County, APN 700-0-150-395, and conveyance of the property to the Greenfield Family Partnership Trust.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Lange.

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On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-38 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Marsh Street Park improvements, Los Angeles.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-39 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.11 acres (APN 2277-021-006) in Sherman Oaks using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

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On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-40 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.12 acres APN 2277-019-006 in Sherman Oaks using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-41 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.46 acres (APNs 2277-018-010, 011, 012 and 013) in Sherman Oaks using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded Resolution No. 05-42 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.26 acres (APN 4383-006-038) in Benedict Canyon using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-43 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.7 acres (APNs 4383-006-039, 040) in Benedict Canyon using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-44 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to use Proposition A Big Five Excess Funds to improve Marsh Street Park along the Los Angeles River, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-45 was unanimously adopted.

- XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to use Proposition A Big Five Excess Funds to create and improve Aliso Wash - Limekiln Creek Park within and adjacent to Vanalden Park, Northridge.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-46 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of approximately 0.5 acres (APN 2380-005-010) in Studio City, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-47 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 120-acre donation (APNs 4455-006-032 and 033) in the Cold Creek watershed and acceptance of a maintenance endowment, unincorporated Calabasas area.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-48 was unanimously adopted.

XXVIII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

No comments were made.

XXIX. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 4. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al*; (3) *Andrew Sabol v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al CIV 226281 (Ventura County)*, and (4) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.

No closed session was held.

XXIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 1, 2005.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair